(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) The Drug Policy 1986 including DPCO, 1987 is presently under review and all the representations/ suggestions received from drug industry for possible charges in the present pricing system are being considered.

Increase in annual export growth rate of drugs

406. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the export drugs have recorded an impressive annual growth rate of 47 percent in the last 5 years ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give more concessions to the bulk drug exporters in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) Exports of drugs have registered an average growth rate of approximately 65% in the last 5 years. This sector has been identified as a thrust area for promoting exports. Steps to boost exports in this sector are under active examination by Government in consultation with the Industry.

Delicensing of drug formulations

407. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the reasons for delay in announcing the new drug price control order/delicensing policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): Review of Drug Policy, 1986 alongwith Drug Price Control Order, 1987 is still under the consideration of the Government.

Financial Compensation to Bhopal Gas Victims

408. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government have urged the Central Government to intimate it expeditiously the detailed guidelines and criteria under which the victims of the Bhopal Gas tragedy are to be given financial compensation; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The Bhopal Gas Leak Disasier (Regration and Processing of Claims) Scheme, 1985 gives power to the Central Government to determine the total amount of compensation to be apportioned for each category of claims and quantum of compensation payable, in general, in relation to each type of injury or loss. It is not proposed to issue detailed guidelines to the Welfare Commissioner but a proposal is under consideration to give indicative guidelines which he may keep in view while preparing detailed internal guidelines for working out the range of compensation to be awarded to each category of claims.